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TODAY is Pilgrim Father's day; the May Flower landed her human cargo at Plymouth Rock on December 22nd, 1620.

THE late meeting of the irrigation congress at Phoenix was more largely attended than any other session of that organization.

MINNESOTA's republican congressmen were elected by the following pluralities: First district—Tawney, 10,701; Second—McClary, 8,349; Third—Heatwell, 5,951; Fourth—Stevens, 8,214; Fifth—Fletcher, 8,297; Sixth—Morris, 719; Seventh—Eddy, 2,275.

THE population of Mexico in 1895 was 12,570,195, from which should be deducted 209,805 persons who are reported "as absent from the country." Most of them are in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, and other western states. The number of foreigners living in Mexico is reported to be 246,985. Three-fourths of them are Americans employed on the railroads and in the mines.

JOSEPH HODGES CHAOTE, who has announced his candidacy for the New York senatorship, is the foremost member of the bar of New York City. There are those who claim him first among all the legal lights of the century, and assign to him the place that was occupied by Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Addis Emmet and Charles O'Connor. His eminence has been won purely in his profession, for he has never occupied a public office or been in the public eye except as a lawyer. He is 64 years old and a nephew of Rufus Choate.

GIVE US GOOD ROADS.

The agitation for making better roads is perpetual in the east. The Philadelphia Record has figured out the advantages, and states them this way: A horse can draw three times as much weight as he can carry on his back. On a good macadamized road an animal can carry three times as much as on a dirt road, while on an asphalt pavement, the power of the horse is multiplied to such a degree that he can carry eleven times as much as on a dirt road, or thirty-three times as much as he can carry on his back. On metal rails a horse can draw one and two-thirds times as much as on the best asphalt pavement; four times as much as on Belgian blocks, nine times as much as on cobblestones, twenty times as much as on earth road, and forty times as much as on sand. That computation is all right for the horse. A donkey can carry three times as much as he can be made to haul, and a mule can pull back harder on a halter than he can pull forward in a collar.

PROMPT TAX COLLECTIONS.

Men, who as public officers attempt to make effective some well-digested plan of reform or economy, nearly always find that others who may perhaps have given the topic little attention, antagonize some features of their plan on more or less substantial grounds. The consequence is that many laws are mere compromises, not as good as were intended, and yet a step in advance.

One of the vital features in municipal finances, intensified by the depreciation of scrip, is the necessity of immediate collection of the delinquent taxes. On this subject our council and people are well agreed. Two plans have been suggested, one is that the city attorney should be responsible for the litigation and the other is that special counsel should be employed therefor. Because there may be draw backs in connection with either plan, is no reason why the main object should be lost sight of.

It should be remembered that the office of city attorney is an active one. Many questions of the regularity and validity of official action, are continually brought before their legal adviser, many of which are intricate and far reaching, and require no little research on the part of that officer. On the other hand, if a special counsel is employed, it should be remembered that he is in all probability a man busied with his own clientele, and that he cannot devote his full time to such special employment.

Each tax suit has as separate and

distinct questions raised in issue, as though they were not kin. Each step in the rendition, assessment and forced collection of the tax, makes a separate and distinct fact, unlike any other on the tax roll. Enough work is involved in the preparation and trial of those suits, to keep the time of one attorney busy for two years. It will therefore cost the city a nice figure for attorneys fees, whether imposed as the fee of special counsel or regular salary of the city attorney. The fee to be paid, will be economy, however, when it is considered, that a delay of one year in the collection, will impose a greater loss on the city in the bonuses it pays on depreciated scrip.

To our mind the proposition is as broad as it is long. For the city attorney to devote his whole energy to the tax suits, will be to withdraw his activities from other avenues of requisite legal research. The city attorney is fully competent, to try any of the vexed questions that may arise in these tax suits. It is also made his duty under the charter to care for all city litigation. Some expense might be saved, if competent clerical assistance were furnished him, instead of legal assistance. But in the confusion of this question, the main issue, the speedy collection of taxes, ought not to be lost sight of.

Maceo's Death.
Havana, Dec. 16, via Key West.—Following are the full details, as gleaned by careful investigation among those who took part in the affair, of the killing of Antonio Maceo. After crossing the trocha by land, as has been indicated in previous dispatches to the Associated Press, Antonio Maceo and staff, it appears, were encamped in the hills and expecting the arrival of Cuban reinforcements under Brig. Gen. Sanchez and others ordered by Gen. Aguirre to receive and escort the noted Pinar del Rio chief to the east.

Maceo's death was totally ignorant of Maceo's presence in the district, believing him to be still west of the trocha. But, learning that a Spanish force on the San Pedro had been fired to a place of temporary safety on the grass and remained by his side until, realizing that he had been abandoned, Gomez wrote the note to his parents which has been previously telegraphed to the Associated Press, and then committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

After the fight the Spanish Scout Santa Ana, accompanied by the bugler of the San Quentin battalion, while reconnoitering the field in quest of documents and other objects of importance and value, ran upon the body of Maceo, who was still alive.

As the bugler pulled the ring from the finger he asked in an agonized tone if they were Spaniards or Cubans. "Spaniards," said the bugler, and as he raised his machete the dying chief said: "Die for Cuba and independence."

As the knife came down, almost severing the victim's head from the body, the scout interposed, remarking: "That man is General Maceo."

"Impossible," responded the bugler. "Maceo is in Pinar del Rio."

The scout insisted that it was at least a chief of some importance, and tying the body by the feet to his horse's tail he proceeded. Meanwhile the insurgents, learning that their chief's body was in Spanish hands and, being evidently reinforced, made a new attack and succeeded in recovering the body. The Spanish officer, unaware of its importance, cut it loose, as he found it an unnecessary impediment.

Thus it seems that Major Cirujeda did not know that his forces had encircled and killed Maceo until after reaching Guatiao at nightfall and reading the documents, etc.

The full statements of Dr. Zertucha have not been allowed to be telegraphed, even to Madrid.

NEEDLESS IMPORTS.

California Imports Products That Should Come from the State Itself.

In the second list are many of the commonest articles of consumption, which California might readily produce at home, but for which it sends millions of dollars abroad each year. The imports of pork and its products range as high as \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000 each year. Condensed milk is not only a very important article of consumption in mining camps and great ranches, but is largely shipped abroad for the Asiatic trade. It is brought across the continent from New Jersey. California also sends beyond its borders from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 annually for the item of sugar, which should not only be produced in sufficient quantities to supply consumption, but for export as well.

It is a curious fact that many of the first fruit preserves sold in San Francisco bear French and Italian labels, and that the supply of canned sweet corn comes mostly from Maine. Essential oils made from the peelings of citrus fruits are also imported. It is not uncommon to find orange marmalade which has been prepared in Rochester, N. Y., the oranges having been shipped eastward, and the marmalade product manufactured at a cost of two transcontinental freights. Imports are by no means confined to things which require capital and machinery for their manufacture. Chickens, turkeys and eggs are largely brought from outside. A single commission house in San Francisco imports 500,000 chickens every year. Thus a good many thousands of the new settlers can profitably be employed in a feeding much of the present population of the state, which includes a large proportion of those who are speculating on wheat and fruit, sheep, cattle and hogs.—William E. Smythe, in Century.

Black Jack's Band.

Word received in Tombstone of the whereabouts of the Black Jack band is to the effect that that terrorizing band has pretty much disbanded and have left the territory.

The Prospector says: After the Deer Creek fight Jesse Williams and one other of the band whose name is not known, left in one direction and neither ride, hair nor track of either of these have been heard of since, while Black Jack, whose horse was shot from under him, hid around until he could make his escape. He was seen by himself, going towards Mexico. He was traced to different ranches and followed across the line. Later he made tracks toward Nogales, where it is believed he is now.

The supposition that Black Jack had disguised himself and left Nogales on the train is arrived at by different facts traced to reliable sources, all of which point to his intention of so doing. It is believed he went to San Antonio, Texas.

Binetallism.

Senator Chandler of New Hampshire utters some bold words in behalf of binetallism. He declares that the great majority of the American people favor it and that the republican party must do something toward securing binetallism or be wiped out of existence four years hence.

The republican party will do something. In the first place, many republican leaders will talk incessantly about the necessity of moving towards binetallism just as Chandler is doing. In the next place, republicans will tell the people that the republican party is the true friend of binetallism and intends to do something for it when the right time comes. Major McKinley will introduce several words favorable to binetallism in his messages and possibly may call a conference to talk the subject over.

In short, the republican party will move in favor of binetallism just as Boss Hanna said it would move against the trusts. It will try to "attune the public mind" to the idea that the party is the friend of binetallism in time for another campaign on a sham binetallism platform.—Repub.

Consumption Cure.

Dr. Samuel W. Abbott, secretary of the Mass. board of health, is being quoted as attributing the decline in the rate of mortality from pulmonary diseases in recent years. He points out that this decline began five years ago, when the bicycle began to be used by women, and that it has continued ever since. His theory is that the rapid respiration induced by riding strengthens the lungs and enables them to throw off foreign substances.

The fierce rivalry among barbers in the vicinity of Chatham Square, N. Y., has brought the price of shaving down to 3 cents. The few who still stick to 5 cents announce "clean towels" as an inducement. The 3 cent places are guaranteed to make a complete transformation in a man's appearance, provided he survives the operation. Lenient Magistrate Mott fined one of the fraternity 10 cents for shaving a man Sunday, and the enterprising artist has a sign up now "Shave, 3 cents; Sundays, with fine, 13 cents."

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Plucky Ida Minton and Her Life in the Mountains.

The road from Castloy to Andersonville is through one of the roughest regions of Kentucky, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Robberies are frequent, and many a brave man has hesitated and looked well to his gun before entering on the trip. To Mrs. Minton, however, the highway has no terrors. She enjoys the unique distinction of being perhaps the only female mail-carrier in Uncle Sam's service who rides horseback fearlessly through the forests with her pouch, which contains the missives which are the only means of communication with the world at large to the residents of Andersonville.

She is a typical Kentucky mountain girl, active, strong, fearless and very intelligent. She is an excellent horsewoman. No animal is too high spirited for her, nor does she need help in mounting and dismounting. With the mail pouch thrown across the pommel of her saddle, she rides fearlessly along the lonely highway, and it is safe to say that anyone interfering with Uncle Sam's mail would have to be a better and quicker shot than the ordinary man, or very well mounted, to stop the mail.

Mrs. Minton has been married two years. It was from her own inclination to help earn money that she took the contract to carry the mails for three months. She has now completed eight months of her contract.

JAPANESE LITERATURE.

Much Activity Among the Learned Men of the Mikado's Realm.

There is a deal of literary activity in Japan just at the present time, which, however indicative possibly it may be of better times to come, is now and of itself far from commendable, says the London Dial. The overwhelming predominance of the mere periodical is what the writer especially complains of. A native Japanese regrets, among other things, the incompetency of verifying in the Chinese language, which is spoken of as something common, the degradation of literature by the commercial spirit, the excessive prevalence of fiction, the cocksureness of important airs taken on them by the class of youthful critics that has sprung up. He says of the latter: "With no adequate knowledge of English, men compare translations on the comparative merits of English poets, and even German students express a preference for one German poet rather than another." Work, nevertheless, of a much more substantial form than as thus indicated is happily under way. A history of the recent war with China, in charge of the government, is in contemplation, which is expected will require five years and 50,000 yen for its accomplishment. Besides, the Imperial university has a committee of 16 scholars in its employ, collecting, classifying and editing the voluminous material requisite in the preparation of an exhaustive history of Japan.

No Light.

"Your honor," said a lawyer in a recent trial in England, "the argument of my learned friend is higher than vanity. It is air, it is smoke. From top to bottom it is absolutely nothing. And, therefore, your honor, it falls to the ground by its own weight."

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. G. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the remedy for my chronic rheumatism in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption, and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. It was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at W. A. Irvin & Co's wholesale and retail drug store, El Paso. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

The New York Evening Post says it is rather remarkable that Mr. Moody's influence has told more powerfully among college students than among any other class of men. The statement is true. Oxford and Cambridge students heard him with delight, and many of them are said to have entered upon the Christian life under his appeals.

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Miscellaneous

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United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of El Paso. Meets every Sunday at 10 a. m. at Labor hall. Visiting members welcome. ERIC WIDENBECK, Rec. and Sec.

Woodmen of the World, Tornillo Camp, No. 42. Meets every second and fourth Tuesday each month at their forest, G. A. R. hall. Visiting members and strangers cordially invited. C. B. HELM, Commander. TERRY PEACE, Clerk.

Knights of Labor. Gate City Assembly (L. A. 3041). Meets every Friday evening at the hall corner San Antonio and Stanton streets. Visiting members and strangers cordially invited. JOHN SORRENTINO, M. W. R. J. BAKER, R. F.

B. P. O. E. El Paso Lodge, No. 187. Meets first and third Tuesdays in Odd Fellows' hall. H. K. WOOD, E. L. J. F. DONOHUE, Secretary.

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Fire Department. Board of Fire Directors meets every second Wednesday. General department meeting second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. J. JULIAN, President. J. B. PAYNE, J. J. CONNORS, Chief. Secretary. P. M. MILLSAUGH, Asst. Chief.

K. of P.

El Paso Lodge, No. 82. Regular meeting every Friday night at Castle hall, over Beck's hardware store. Sojourning Knights will receive a cordial welcome. Geo. H. HARVEY, G. O. H. COLLANDER, K. R. S.

Bliss Lodge No. 221, K. of P. Regular meeting every Monday evening at O. R. C. hall. Visiting knights welcome. J. C. C. AMERSON, B. F. COFFIN, G. O. R. S.

Colored Knights of Pythias. Myrtle Lodge, No. 10. Regular meeting every Wednesday evening in Union Labor Hall, over Badger's grocery store. Sojourning knights respectfully invited to attend. A. O. MURPHY, K. of R. and W. H. SCOTT, C. C.

G. A. R.

Emmett Crawford Post, No. 10, G. A. R. Meets 1st Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m. Hall on San Antonio street. All comrades in good standing invited to visit the post. F. E. TUSTEN, Adjutant. MILLER, Asst. Adjutant.

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Eastern—G. H. & S. A.	2:45 p. m.
Southern—Mexican Central.	8:20 a. m.
Eastern—Texas & Pacific.	10:15 a. m.
Western—Southern Pacific.	2:30 p. m.
Santa Fe through train.	11:20 a. m.
Rincon Accommodation.	7:30 p. m.
El Paso Local Time.	2:30 p. m.
Western—Southern Pacific.	3:10 p. m.
Santa Fe Del Rio.	3:45 p. m.
Eastern—Texas & Pacific.	4:15 p. m.
Southern—Mexican Central.	5:05 p. m.

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